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SOUTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 7 PERCENT

SIOUX FALLS, SD, January 29, 2016 – **All cattle and calves** in South Dakota as of January 1, 2016 totaled 3.95 million head, up 7 percent from January 1, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.80 million head, up 5 percent from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.69 million head, up 5 percent from last year.

Milk cows totaled 110,000 head, up 11 percent from January 1, 2015.

All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 995,000 head, up 4 percent from last year.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 790,000 head, up 16 percent from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 95,000 head, down 5 percent from last year.

Calves under 500 pounds totaled 270,000 head, up 8 percent from January 1, 2015.

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in South Dakota feedlots totaled 435,000 head, up 13 percent from the previous year.

The **2015 calf crop** totaled 1.66 million head, up 3 percent from 2014.

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